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Tawil says defendant kept away from bomb

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Former El-Bireh mayor Ibrahim Tawil told police on Tuesday that at the time of the attempt on his life four years ago, IDF Sreen (Capt.) Aharon Gila stood beside him on the pavement in front of his house while a Border Police sapper approached the door of Tawil's garage alone.

Gila is on trial for causing grievous bodily harm, dereliction of duty and failure to report a crime. Rav-Seren (Maj.) Shlomo Leviatan faces the same charges, plus attempted murder. The officers' trial has been separated from that of the other Jewish terror-gang defendants.

The first witness in the trial, Police-Superintendent Shimon Sharvit of the Jerusalem crime squad, disclosed under cross-examination that he had spoken with Tawil this week, instructed by the prosecution, "to prepare him for the trial." This is standard procedure, he explained, to help a witness refresh his memory about statements given a long time before.

Sharvit said that he also went to confirm Tawil's agreement to testify at the trial, "in view of the political and security circumstances surrounding the case."

Tawil and the sapper, Suleiman Hirbawi who was blinded when a bomb exploded alongside the garage, are expected to testify in the next hearing, set for June 29.

In the course of the conversation with Tawil, it emerged that contrary to Gila's version of events, Tawil recalled that the officer had stood beside him while Hirbawi approached the locked garage alone.

In the statement of May 7 submitted to the court yesterday, Gila said: "I forced a number of local people who were close to Tawil to move away and went with the sapper to check the car. I explained to the sapper Hirbawi a number of times, even when he was checking the car, that he should be careful and should not be hasty, to avoid a tragedy. All this I did because I knew that there was a bomb to be found, but I did not know it was to explode. Tawil did not want to open the garage, and I did not want to endanger the sapper, myself or Tawil. That is why I said to the sapper that we should order experts with equipment."

"I did not know how the bomb had been planted... I said to Hirbawi 'let's move', and as we were leaving the place, the bomb exploded while I had my back to the door and Hirbawi stood behind me at about a metre's distance, an arm's length between us. Hirbawi was injured, and I was also injured in the blast, and I was hospitalized at Mount Scopus for observation."

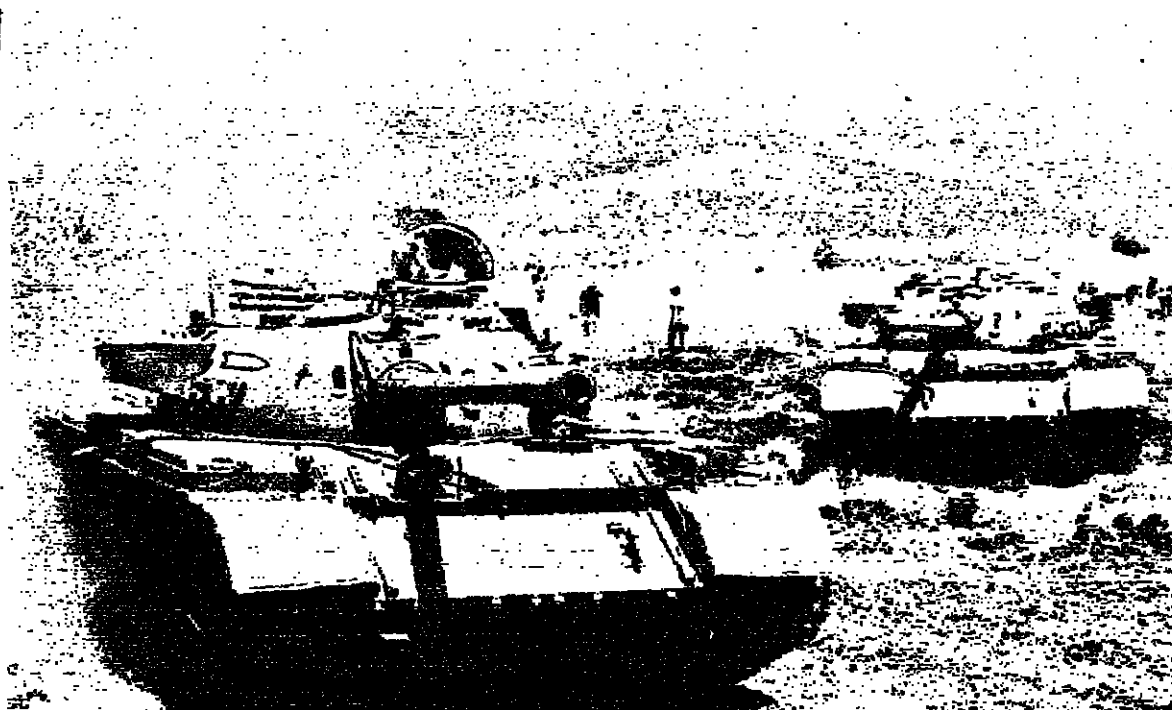
Sharvit yesterday quoted Tawil's claim that neither the mayor nor Gila had been hurt by the blast, but fell to the ground to protect themselves.

The proceedings opened with a bid by Leviatan's counsel to have the more serious charges dropped on various formal grounds. Among other arguments was that the district court does not have jurisdiction to try the case, since Leviatan is a serving army officer, and the alleged offences stem from his service. This was rejected by Judges Eliahu Noam, Zvi Tal and Shalom Brenner.

Differences also emerged at the trial between the lawyers for the two defendants, after Leviatan's counsel argued that by informing Gila, who was stationed at the Ramallah military headquarters, of the bomb plot, Leviatan had discharged his duty.

Gila's lawyer, Ya'acov Rubin, was quick to retort: "I have not yet heard that a captain is in charge of a major and that Gila was in charge of Leviatan."

Advocates Dorit Beinisch, Uzi (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)



Soviet-made T-54/55 tanks of the South Lebanon Army, obtained from the IDF, are used in maneuvers yesterday. In the background, Syrian-held portions of the Hermon range. (Andre Brummann)

Low-key reaction to attache incident

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The incident in which British and Italian military attaches were stopped by police Tuesday morning on suspicion of photographing the Tel Nof Air Force Base will not effect relations between the two countries and Israel, according to Italian, British and Israeli sources.

The British and Italian embassies here did, however, report yesterday that they will formally complain to the Foreign Ministry that police violated the diplomatic immunity of Italian military attache Col. Gianni Di Maria, assistant air attache Col. Antonio d'Ambrasio, and British military attache Col. Peter Mitchell.

The embassies denied that the attaches had taken photographs, and complained that the three were kept in their car for 2½ hours until the Israel Defense Forces liaison officer arrived.

According to the Rehovot police,

the incident began when a citizen reported to the police that three people in a car were taking pictures in the direction of the base. When police arrived the three rolled up their car windows and refused to talk, the police claimed.

An IDF representative who later arrived on the scene accompanied the three to headquarters in Tel Aviv, where they agreed to destroy their film after refusing to turn it over to the army.

Di Maria told *The Jerusalem Post* he had exposed an unused roll. He said he showed the Israelis that not one frame there had been used, adding that his assistant's camera was empty and the unused roll was in his pocket.

He denied a newspaper report saying they had a camera with a telescopic lens.

Italian Ambassador Corrado Taliani told *The Post* he believes Italy will "express its concern" to the

Foreign Ministry, but said he nevertheless regarded the matter as a "very minor incident (which will have) no bearing on the relations between my embassy and the Israeli authorities, including the police."

A Foreign Office spokesman in London yesterday said Britain is annoyed at the arrest of its military attache, but does not intend to make a major diplomatic incident out of the affair.

The spokesman told *The Post* that the embassy in Tel Aviv had "looked into the matter and was quite satisfied that the attache has not done anything wrong. The ambassador (Patrick Moberly) will be lodging a protest."

Israeli military spokesmen yesterday also played down the incident, with one saying that after the attaches destroyed the film the IDF lost interest in the case. "From the army's point of view the handling (of the case) has ended," spokesmen said.

Military judge bars confession by torture

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A confession by a teenage detainee at the Far'a detention center near Nablus was disqualified recently by a military judge, because it had been obtained as a result of torture.

This emerged yesterday from a petition submitted to the High Court of Justice by advocate Felicia Langer on behalf of detainee Nidal Hussein of Halhoul and two unnamed detainees. The petition, directed against the military commander of Judea and Samaria and the commander of the detention centre at Far'a, requests the court to order a stop to harsh interrogation employed in the centre and to ensure detainees' basic rights.

According to the petition, one of

the unnamed detainees was denied medical attention after complaining of pain in the genitals, and instead was deliberately beaten in that area. Eventually, in despair, he tried to commit suicide by swallowing a key. On being hospitalized, he was operated on for injuries in the genital area.

The petition states that on June 6 military judge M. Rosenberg heard a complaint from the other unnamed petitioner that an investigator nicknamed "Abu Jubal" had hit him and deliberately tightened shackles around his ankles until an injury was caused.

The judge ordered a medical inquiry, which confirmed the injuries and their probable cause.

On April 5, the petition states, the same judge rejected a confession submitted by the prosecution in a case involving an alleged disturbance of public order by Hussein. Hussein claimed that two investigators, "Abu Jabal" and "Abu Ghazal", had covered his head with a sack and stabbed out cigarettes on his neck and forearm.

In the customary separate hearing on the admissibility of the confession, it emerged that the injuries had indeed been caused during Hussein's detention. Even though the two investigators had denied torturing the accused, the prosecution had failed to explain satisfactorily how the injuries had been caused, the judge ruled, in support of the petition.

U.S. 'wounded' treated here in exercise

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL HASHOMER. — Israel and the U.S. yesterday held a joint medical evacuation exercise in which 44 "wounded" Americans were helicoptered from their ship to hospitals here.

The men were flown from the Nassau, a helicopter assault ship in Haifa. Thirty men were flown on two CH-46 helicopters to Rambam Hospital there and 14 were flown to the landing pad at the Sheba Hospital here.

The "wounded" arrived bandaged, having received "first aid" on board the Nassau. The ship carries 1,000 sailors and 800 marines.

The "wounded" were taken to the emergency room where nurses removed the bandages and doctors made "diagnoses" and discussed

whom to send for X-rays and whom to operate on immediately.

American doctors closely followed the entire procedure to evaluate how medical treatment is organized here. Dr. David Kreissler, deputy director of Sheba Hospital, told *The Jerusalem Post* later the hospital had done all that was necessary to prove to the Americans that "they are in the western part of the world."

The exercise also served to test the communications system between the U.S. Sixth Fleet and Israeli authorities.

It included establishing contact with the Israeli air-traffic control

system to allow the helicopters into Israel's air space and to the hospitals' landing pads.

Vice-Admiral Edward Martin is expected here early next month to discuss repair services for the Sixth Fleet.

Well-placed sources said the exercise was one of the outcomes of the political-military talks begun by Defence Minister Arens and U.S. Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger.

Specifically, it resulted from the bombing of the U.S. Marine Corps headquarters in Beirut, when wounded men were flown to Europe rather than to Israeli hospitals.

'Free Christian Parliament' in South Lebanon

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — A group of Christian village leaders from South Lebanon met yesterday at Khamsiye near Sidon and established the "Free Christian Parliament of South Lebanon."

"We do not accept the parliamentary leadership of Prime Minister Rashid Karamah, who speaks in the name of Syria," said one of the founders of the new parliament, Nazzar Nazarian.

He added that the new body will be a means by which the Christians of Lebanon will be able to make their ideas and opinions heard.

Israeli coordinator in Lebanon Uri Lubrani said yesterday that the Lebanese government has ceased providing services in the south. He said this was done not so much because of the difficulties of the situation, but on principle. The decision was taken to force residents to go to Beirut for services, but Lubrani said that instead more residents are cooperating with Israel.

U.S. envoy unhurt in Beirut shooting incident

BEIRUT (AP). — Shooting erupted at mid-afternoon yesterday at the only open crossing between Beirut's two sectors, panicking motorists. A convoy carrying U.S. Ambassador Reginald Bartholomew was passing through the gateway at the time.

U.S. Embassy officials said the ambassador arrived safely at his residence in the Christian suburb of Ba'adba and no one in the three-car convoy was hurt.

The state radio said the incident was minor and was "quickly resolved." Motorists said the gateway never closed despite the shooting.

The incident came as a new four-

man military committee held its third meeting in two days at the adjacent military tribunal. The four officers are working on a plan for the rehabilitation of the Lebanese Army, which split on sectarian lines during the last rounds of the civil war.

The plan is to be submitted to the national coalition cabinet at its next session, scheduled for today.

The committee was formed Monday during a mediation visit by Syrian Vice-President Abdul-Halim Khaddam to Lebanon. Khaddam forged a compromise agreement among Christian and Moslem war-

Wage talks collapse, more unrest predicted

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Work-agreement negotiations between the Histadrut and public-sector employers floundered last night over the Treasury's demand that unions which have not yet received the recently granted "parity bonus" agree to forgo it.

The collapse of the talks, which came only hours after Histadrut sources had predicted the speedy signing of an agreement, appears certain to lead to a sharp escalation in labour unrest in the public sector. All major public-sector unions have threatened to take industrial action unless an agreement is reached this week.

The talks broke down shortly after they began, when newly appointed Treasury Director-General Nissim Baruch announced that the public sector employers would accept a new wage scale on condition that it be considered as including compensation for the settlements awarded to doctors and public-sector lawyers, and that the unions forgo the parity bonus.

The IS10,334 bonus was awarded to some public-sector workers last month. Since then, most other workers in the public sector have demanded such payment. The wage increases awarded last year after arbitration to doctors and lawyers exceeded the limit of the previous work agreement, leading to Histadrut demands that other workers in the public sector receive compensation.

Histadrut trade union department chairman Haim Haberfeld rejected the Treasury's demand out of hand. He was supported by the labour organization's legal adviser, who pointed out that framework agreements had never before taken bonuses into account, and the Treasury had no basis for raising such a demand now.

Haberfeld said after the talks collapsed that the Treasury had placed an artificial obstacle in the way of an agreement on many matters that had already been decided. He blamed

Baruch's inexperience and the limited negotiating leeway allowed him by his superiors for the failure of the talks.

Nevertheless, Haberfeld said that discussions will be held today between Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad and Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar, and he hoped that an agreement could still be concluded.

The central subject of a new wage scale was not even discussed last night. Earlier, it was learned that a 5 per cent gap separated the wage proposals of the Histadrut and the Treasury.

Another sticking point remaining is the revision of income-tax brackets and deduction points. The Treasury announced on Tuesday that it would revise the brackets upwards by 80 per cent of May's inflation rate. The Histadrut has demanded 100 per cent revision whenever a cost-of-living increment is paid, and Histadrut sources indicated that they would not accept any less.

The sources were also dismayed by a Treasury proposal that an advance on July's salaries be paid to workers next month, with final agreement on a wage agreement to be postponed until after the election. Histadrut officials have warned that the public sector could be crippled by strikes and slowdowns unless an agreement is reached this week.

Labour unrest deepened yesterday as customs workers announced that they will work according to rule from tomorrow. All arriving passengers and goods will be checked at customs, probably leading to serious delays, and the customs workers will not work on Shabbat.

Postal workers threatened to go on strike next week if their demands for payment of a parity bonus are not met by then.

Public-sector lawyers, Foreign Ministry workers and employees of the West Bank civil administration are continuing their slowdowns.

Haifa kindergarten teachers are to go on strike today, just over a week before summer vacation, the Histadrut teachers union announced. The action is in protest against the muni-

cipality's decision to dismiss 26 of their number due to the proposed closure of several kindergartens throughout the city.

Avraham Ben-Shabbat, chairman of the Haifa branch of the union, said the strike will continue into the new term in September unless the city rescinds the dismissals.

In the Foreign Ministry, workers resumed job actions yesterday after a week's break, halting the flow of diplomatic cables and slowing consular activities abroad, in an attempt to press for progress in wage talks with the civil service commission.

Last night's negotiations had been expected to deal with proposals by both sides for restructuring wage scales. Going into the talks, a gap of about 5 per cent separated the two sides. A crucial element in the structure of the scales is the distribution of payment, or in other words, the date on which the wage hike will come into effect.

The Histadrut has proposed a scale which would increase the wages by some 25 per cent over current levels, not including C-o-L increments, plus a leeway of 8 per cent for separate negotiation by individual unions.

The labour organization is asking only for half of the hike to take effect in August, with the rest added in October. Without any rises retroactive to April, when the previous agreement expired, the Treasury's actual expense for the year would be considerably less than 25 per cent over existing wage levels.

The actual cost to the state of the Histadrut's proposal would be about 15 per cent. The union's leeway for additional increases, calculated annually, would be 5 per cent if paid in September, and 4 per cent if paid in October. The total cost of the package presented to the Treasury last night is therefore 19-20 per cent.

The starting wage at the lowest grade of the scale would be 53 per cent of the national average wage, and the differential between grades, up to the senior ones, would be 10-11 per cent.

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A Viennese policeman guards the scene of a car bomb explosion outside the Turkish Embassy yesterday in which one person died. Story, page 4. (UPI telephoto)

Spain reportedly decides on full ties

MADRID (Itim). — Diplomatic sources here said yesterday that the Spanish government has decided in principle to establish full ties with Israel and is waiting only for the right time to do so. This could be after Spain joins the Common Market.

The sources said Arab countries

are exerting pressure against the move, but are being told it is a purely Spanish matter.

There is already a permanent 4-man Israeli mission in Madrid, officially accredited to the International Tourism Organization, whose headquarters are here.

Mission head Shlomo Hadas, a Foreign Ministry official, told a group of visiting Israeli journalists that he is effectively Israel's ambassador to Spain.

Regulations tightened on travel cash

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

In an effort to close loopholes in foreign-currency regulations and to reduce black market profits, the Bank of Israel yesterday announced that persons going abroad will now have to show proof that they have paid the \$100 travel tax before buying the \$2,000 in foreign currency which travellers are allowed.

The bank announced the new regulation without giving an official explanation. But officials in the banking system said yesterday that the measure is intended to reduce the profits which fictitious travellers can make by exploiting the gap between official and black market exchange rates.

According to the officials, someone with a ticket for overseas travel can purchase up to \$2,000 in foreign currency in a bank at the official rate and sell the money on the black market at a 20 to 30 per cent profit.

This means that a person with no intention of actually going overseas can buy a ticket to a nearby destination, such as Cyprus, and make a profit of a few hundred dollars by buying and selling the foreign currency, the officials explained.

The officials added that the new (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Boys Town Jerusalem Applied Engineering College Produces Skilled Personnel For Defence Industries.



Defence Minister Moshe Arens recently visited Boys Town Jerusalem, one of Israel's most advanced technological training institutes. An aeronautics engineer by profession, Mr. Arens showed special interest in the production of parts for the aeronautics industry which students make as part of their practical training. Mr. Arens is accompanied by Mr. Hart Hasten (right) and Rabbi Ronald Gray, both of Indianapolis.

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GENEVA	14	27	57	81	Clear
LONDON	14	27	57	81	Clear
MADRID	14	27	57	81	Clear
MUNICH	14	27	57	81	Clear
PARIS	14	27	57	81	Clear
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THE WEATHER

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	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	47	16-23	17-23
Golan	47	16-23	17-23
Nahariya	47	16-23	17-23
Safed	47	16-23	17-23
Haifa	47	16-23	17-23
Tiberias	47	16-23	17-23
Nazareth	47	16-23	17-23
Afula	47	16-23	17-23
Shomron	47	16-23	17-23
Tel Aviv	47	16-23	17-23
B-G Airport	47	16-23	17-23
Jericho	47	16-23	17-23
Gaza	47	16-23	17-23
Beer Sheva	47	16-23	17-23
Eilat	47	16-23	17-23

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Herzog spoke yesterday at the dedication of the Zionist Confederation House, in Yemin Moshe, restored and reconstructed by the Zionist Confederation of United Zionists as their world centre and a new cultural centre for Jerusalem.

The Segula and Haim Hazili prizes for exemplary citizenship will be awarded at the Rotary meeting at the Tel Aviv Hilton at 1:15 p.m. today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. David Anaszkowski, Chile; Mr. and Mrs. Morris Glus, U.S.; Mr. and Mrs. Eric Graus, Great Britain; Mr. and Mrs. Harde Haysten, U.S.; Mr. Francis Kallit, France; Mr. Jacques Kupper, France; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rosenthal, Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Gert Stroker, U.S.; Mr. Elias Tani, Argentina; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Taubentfeld, U.S.; Mr. and Mrs. Julius Weinstein, South Africa; Mr. Henri Wolf, Belgium; for the Herzog-Hazbar World Executive Consultation, Zionist General Council Session and Jewish Agency Assembly.

Rabbi sentenced for disturbing missionaries

TIBERIAS (Itim). — The head of the Yab Rabbim Yeshiva here, Rabbi Adin Mablouf, was sentenced yesterday to three months jail and another three months suspended for disturbing a missionary gathering and threatening the participants. The offence was committed four years ago. The rabbi has said he will appeal against the sentence.

WAGE TALKS

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The Treasury's proposal is expected to add up to an increase of 15 per cent on the current wage bill. It is composed of a 12 per cent hike in wage scales, some a function of August-October distribution, and 3 per cent more resulting from individual union wages, payable in November. While the work agreement is to be signed for a two-year period, the wage component will be re-examined after one year, the sides have agreed, as was done with the previous wage agreement.

Another matter still to be agreed upon is the addition of grades to the upper end of the wage scale. A Histadrut source said last night that the labour organization is likely to compromise on its demand for nine more grades and to accept the Treasury's offer of two.

Kussar said before the breakdown that "with a little understanding" on the part of the Treasury, an agreement could be reached this week.

TERROR TRIAL

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Hasson and Yisca Leibowitz are appearing for the state in all of the cases.

Gilad Pe'li, one of the people accused in the main case who pleaded guilty last week to membership in a terrorist organization and three counts of conspiracy, including an attempt to cause grievous bodily harm and an attempt to blow up the Dome of the Rock is to be sentenced this morning.

The guilty plea followed bargaining between his counsel and the prosecution: in return the charge of activity on behalf of a terrorist organization was modified to membership, and an attempted murder charge arising out of his role in aborted attacks on other members of the National Guidance Committee was changed to conspiracy to cause grievous bodily harm.

He will be the second person sentenced in the affair, and the first to confirm, by his admission in court, the existence of a terrorist organization.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Shahal complains over Sharon's 'incitement'

Jerusalem Post Staff

Alignment election campaign manager MK Moshe Shahal yesterday filed complaints with the Central Elections Committee, the Speaker of the Knesset and the House Committee against Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon, for making allegedly inciting remarks concerning himself and the Alignment.

Shahal said that Sharon has become a notorious liar. "He hasn't yet got out of his entanglement with Time magazine," said Shahal, "and already he's becoming entangled in additional childish lies, all of which are intended to divide the nation and increase hatred and incitement."

Shahal called on the Knesset Speaker, House Committee and Central Elections Committee to rebuke Sharon, to repudiate his "irresponsible, wild and brutal style," to summon him for an urgent hearing and to demand an apology from him.

The remarks made by Sharon which are the subject of Shahal's complaint appeared in yesterday's *Yediot Aharonot*. Referring to the Alignment, Sharon says: "Not consciously, but knowing the dangers, they collaborated with the PLO. When our soldiers stood around Beirut, the sole hope of the PLO was demonstrations by the Alignment... They, the leaders of the Alignment, who organized these actions, collaborated with the PLO. Are they in the national camp?"

(The "national camp" was the Likud slogan at the beginning of the campaign. It has since been with-



drawn.) Sharon then accused Shahal of promising a West Bank notable to give Jewish settlements to Arab refugees. "Shahal told him in a conversation that if the Alignment assumes power, it will turn over the Gush Emmunim settlements in densely populated Arab areas to Arab refugees. If he says this, by me he's not in the national camp," Sharon said.

Sharon reiterated the theme of who qualifies to be in the "national camp" at an election rally last night in Ashkelon. He discredited "those who organize demonstrations during a time of distress and war, knowing full well that this serves the enemy... The Alignment heads all the organizations which organize demonstrations, like Peace Now and Yesh Gvul."

Asked about Shahal's complaint, Sharon said he had not heard about it, but repeated his accusation that Shahal had promised to settle Arab refugees in vacated Gush Emmunim settlements. "This was done as a signal to King Hussein," said Sharon. "This man (Shahal) is not in the national camp."

Moda'i locked in station in row with electric workers

By DAVID RUDGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i found himself "locked in" by Electric Corporation employees at the Hadera power station yesterday after he had completed a propaganda film there for the forthcoming elections.

About 50 workers formed a human chain across the gates and refused to let him leave unless he handed over the film.

After several minutes of heated argument, Moda'i called in the police. When they arrived, the workers allowed the minister to leave with his film crew and the film.

The minister, who had been given permission to make the film by the attorney general in consultation with the chairman of the Central Elections Committee, arrived at the power station early in the morning in an attempt to slip in quietly.

He had tried to enter the station on Tuesday but was met by a large crowd of demonstrators and decided to turn back. The employees had objected to the making of political advertisement at the station.

Yoram Obracovich, chairman of the Electrical Corporation works committee, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the employees had earlier informed the minister of their opposition to the filming. "We are in the middle of a labour dispute and we do not think this is the appropriate time for electioneering," said Obracovich.

The employees declared a labour dispute several days ago. They are claiming compensation for an alleged 30 per cent erosion in their salaries.

Aloni said CRM is not running with the Alignment in the elections because it wants to be an ideological counterbalance to the Likud. "The Alignment, with all due respect, has to be a pragmatic party, not an ideological one. When you have some doves and some hawks, some religious people and some secularists, there are some things on which you can't take a stand," she said.

Mordechai Baron, No. 2 on the CRM list, said "Only by being separate and strong can we prevent the tendency to the right, such as possible formation of a national unity government."

The CRM leaders said they believe there are 150,000 voters debating whether to vote CRM or Alignment, and most of the party's campaign effort will be put into convincing these voters that a vote for CRM is not a wasted vote.

Attorney-general asked to rule on mall rallies

The police, concerned that the Likud would petition the High Court, asked the attorney-general for a ruling. He determined yesterday that the mall is a public area, not a municipal one, and as such the city is not a party to the dispute. The attorney-general said the police have to decide whether to permit the rallies.

Following this, the police again appealed to the attorney-general for a decision. Police sources say the mall is preferred as a site for the rallies, since it is closed to traffic and easier to protect. (Itim)

Hebrew victory in schools to be commemorated

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — A ceremony commemorating the 70th anniversary of the "language wars" over the use of Hebrew or German in Yishuv schools will be held today at the President's Residence.

Histadrut Teachers Union secretary Shalom Levine will speak on the rebellion of teachers in the pre-state Jewish community against the decision of the German-Jewish organization Ezra to establish German as the

language of instruction at the Technion and Haifa Reali School. The teachers said they would rather give up their salaries than sign the receipts in Latin letters.

The ceremony celebrating Hebrew's victory over German as the language of instruction in this country will be attended by representatives of the Union, the Education Ministry and the World Zionist Organization.

Begun cannot see his wife until October

Prisoner of Zion Yosef Begun's wife Ina has been informed by the Soviet prosecutor that she will not be allowed to visit her husband in prison until mid-October, the Public Council for Soviet Jewry reported yesterday.

The council said that Ina Begun has also been informed that her husband's letters to her have been seized because of their content, that he has recently spent two weeks in solitary confinement, and that his right to make purchases in the prison canteen was cancelled on Tuesday. Begun is being punished for disciplinary infractions, the council re-

ported. In another development, refugee Alik Zalichonok has been given a forced vacation from his job as a computer engineer and may be fired. Zalichonok teaches Hebrew in Leningrad and is in contact with a large number of refugees, the Soviet Jewry group reported.

MUGGING. — A prostitute was mugged yesterday morning, and had her handbag containing \$540,000 and \$40 stolen by two men in Haifa's Kiryat Eliezer neighbourhood police reported.

Tami's vote to bar PLP war 'mistake'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tami voted for disqualifying the Jewish-Arab Progressive List for Peace at the Central Elections Committee meeting on Monday by mistake — as a result of a "lack of communication." It was learned yesterday.

Tami's representative on the committee, Yoram Ben-Shalom, voted for the ban on his own, without consulting with party leaders.

Tami is opposed to disqualifying any list, and prefers letting the public decide for itself. Senior Tami sources said yesterday, Ben-Shalom, who had voted against barring the Kach movement the day before, was supposed to have consulted party leaders before the committee voted on the PLP. The party was barred from contesting the election by a vote of 17-12, with four abstentions.

Ben-Shalom's vote infuriated senior Tami activists, who called a meeting yesterday with party leaders to compose a statement clarifying that Ben-Shalom had cast his vote "due to a lack of communication."

Central Tami activists said yesterday that if the party leaders fail to issue such a statement, they will issue one themselves.

Labour wooing 'Anglo-Saxon' vote

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

MK Mordechai Gur, the Alignment's campaign manager, said yesterday that Alignment supporters should not be too upset if they hear displeasing platform talk. The aim is to draw 200,000 voters away from the Likud. "The first thing we have to bear in mind," said Gur at a rally for English-speaking voters in Jerusalem, "is that the government should be replaced. That's what we'll base our strategy on."

Gur was careful not to promise that Labour is going to do everything right if elected — "but we will do better."

The order of priorities as listed by Gur is repairing the economy, withdrawing (but not immediately) from Lebanon and settling the issue of Judea and Samaria.

On the latter point, Gur declared that the establishment of a Palestinian state would solve nothing and only pose yet another threat to Israel. What Labour wants is to maintain a Jewish state which will be "strong and generous" with its neighbours and "flexible in achieving understanding."

Poster posters warned to obey the law

Party activists who do not take sufficiently strong measures to prevent illegal posting of their propaganda may be liable to prosecution along with those who do the actual plastering, the attorney-general's office reminded campaigners yesterday.

In a circular to the parties and to bodies responsible for enforcing the law, they were reminded that in past campaigns, posters and painted slogans marred buildings, walls, bridges and fences.

Posters may be placed only on announcement boards dedicated for the purpose by cities and local councils, and on buildings serving as party headquarters. Posters and slogans are also banned from inter-urban highways.

Campaign activists who either send others to illegally post propaganda or who fail to take strong measures to prevent that from happening without their knowledge may also be held responsible.

NRP says Likud lifted its election slogan

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The National Religious Party campaign committee yesterday charged the Likud with using one of its advertising slogans.

The NRP this week placed a number of advertisements in newspapers which started with the phrase in giant letters: "The Day After" (the election). Yesterday, the Likud published a full-page ad beginning with the same words.

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Residents of the settlement of Givon north of Jerusalem yesterday demonstrate at a ribbon-cutting ceremony, as Housing and Construction Minister David Levy opens a new road — which cuts through Givon — linking Jerusalem with the new luxury township of Givat Ze'ev. One of the signs laments the new road and another reads, "Settlement of the areas not only with villas and cottages."

Hammer: Diaspora must look out for itself

Shamir calls for Israel-centred education

Jerusalem Post Staff

While the physical existence of the Jewish people is "more secure than at any time within our living memory," Prime Minister Shamir said yesterday, "we face the strange paradox that the spiritual quality of our nation is in jeopardy and declining at an alarming rate."

Speaking to the World Leadership Conference for Jewish Education in Jerusalem, Shamir praised what he called "the fulfilment of the Zionist dream" in Israeli scientific, artistic, social and productive achievements, but noted that the country's priorities are still determined by the need to place security first.

He also expressed disappointment in the "frozen" peace treaty with Egypt, sharply criticized Syria's goal of achieving military parity with Israel and said that Jordan must choose between "courting the PLO terrorists and soliciting understanding and support from the free world and the West."

Noting "an overlap of interests between us and Jordan," Shamir offered to negotiate with Amman

"toward solution of common problems and securing better understanding and cooperation," even without progress on autonomy for Arab residents of the territories.

Turning to the subject of the conference, Shamir expressed deep concern over assimilation, intermarriage and indifference among many Jews to the fate of the nation. The principal reason for this state of affairs, he opined, "is the failure, or lack, of Jewish education in many parts of the Diaspora."

As a solution, Shamir called especially for stressing the centrality of Israel in Jewish life and the study of modern Hebrew. "Education centred on Israel, its glorious past, its impressive present and promising future can make today's young people better Jews, sincere Zionists, many of whom would, as a direct result of the education and inspiration they receive, bind their own future with Eretz Yisrael and come to live here," he predicted.

Also addressing the conference was Education Minister Zevulun Hammer. "There may be a spiritual

and cultural holocaust" if Diaspora communities do not take their full into their own hands. Hamir yesterday told delegates to conference.

The Jerusalem conference yesterday after three days of deliberation.

Hammer warned that Diaspora dependence on Israel is "a disaster error and spiritual suicide."

Rejecting aliyah as a panacea for the ills of Diaspora communities, Hammer said that it would be pointless to try to persuade all Jews migrate to Israel to escape assimilation.

"If all the spiritual and cultural vision we can offer Diaspora Jewry," he said, "we are condemning them to spiritual and cultural annihilation."

While promising that the Education Ministry would do everything in its power to save the Jewish people from disappearing, Hammer stressed that "there is no substitute for the self-reliance of Jewish communities for their own spiritual future."

Jackson refuses to repudiate anti-Semitic Moslem leader

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — The Rev. Jesse Jackson yesterday said the Knesset is more "democratic" in discussing aspects of the Arab-Israeli conflict than the U.S. Congress is.

At a news conference sponsored by the government's Foreign Press Centre here, the candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination called for an open debate on the Middle East without fear of political reprisals.

He praised the opposition Labour Party and Peace Now for some of their stands in the search for peace. "We should listen to them," he said.

Asked why he has refused to repudiate the anti-white and anti-Semitic views of Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan, Jackson noted that Jesus also refused to repudiate people.

Jackson further sought to defend his stance on Farrakhan by pointing out that former prime minister Menachem Begin had not repudiated former defence minister Ariel

Sharon following the Kahan Commission's report on the Sabra and Shatila massacres.

Throughout the news conference, Jackson called for secure and recognized borders for Israel, but repeatedly added that "the Palestinians also need a place to survive."

The Camp David peace process, he said, was a very important step in the right direction, but the Reagan administration has "abandoned" it.

In opposing the transfer of the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, Jackson said that this is not a vital issue for Israel's security. He said every president since Harry Truman has refused to move the embassy, recognizing the dangers to U.S. interests in the region. "It could endanger people," he said.

"America has a tremendous interest in Israel and rightfully so," he said. This should lead, he continued, to better communications with Israel's adversaries. "We should be aggressive diplomatically, not militarily," he added.

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regulation will clearly not prevent continuation of the practice, but "at least it will reduce the profits."

In another move to prevent the same maneuver, the central bank has in the last few days instructed the commercial banks not to sell foreign currency to anyone who has already bought currency for foreign travel and does not have an exit stamp in his passport for his last trip. This would prevent more than one purchase of currency for fictitious travel.

No travel tax is charged for land travel to Egypt, and anyone with an Egyptian entrance visa in his passport and a ticket for overland travel can still buy the full \$2,000.

W. Germany ousted from European soccer

PARIS (Reuters). — Title-holder West Germany were dramatically eliminated from the European Soccer Championship finals here last night when they lost 1-0 to Spain. The deciding goal by Antonio Mace da coming in the 89th minute.

A goalless draw would have been enough to put the West German through to the last four. But Spain's unexpected, and slightly fortunate, victory meant they went through as Group Two winners with Portugal, who beat Rumania 1-0 in Nantes.

On Saturday Portugal will meet hosts and favourites France in the first semi-final in Marseille while the following day in Lyons, Spain will take on Denmark. The final will be staged at Paris next Wednesday.

11 more athletes for Israeli Olympic team

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's squad for the Los Angeles Olympic Games next month was expanded last night from 16 to 27 following a meeting of the Israel Olympic Committee and the sports federation.

The 11 added to the team last night have all either bettered Olympic minimums set by Israeli sports bodies or came close to those marks. They are marathon runner Shemtov Sabbagh; 10,000-meter runner Arieh Gamliel; long-jumper Maya Ben-Zur; swimmers Yoram Kohavi and Avai Stigman; sailors Yoel Sela and Eldad Amir; fencers Nili Dref and Lydia Shatuel; canoeist Aviram Mizrahi; and gymnast Liat Haminiwch.

UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL-KEREN HAYESOD
A memorial gathering for the late

JACOBO GHITIS
formerly National President of Keren Hayesod
in Italy and member of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors
will be held at the Memorial Hall of Keren Hayesod, Jerusalem,
on Sunday, June 24, 1984 (Sivan 24, 5744) at 4.00 p.m.

Five years have gone by since the passing of our beloved

Dr. ABRAHAM MICHAEL BEN-ZADOK ז"ל
(Rumelsburg)
founder of the David Orthodontics Clinic in Netanya.
Family in Israel and in England

To Steve Helman and Family
Our sincere condolences on the sad loss
of your mother, and everybody's friend

RITA
Mazkirut Olamit and
Bogrei Habonim,
South Africa

My beloved husband

KURT ARENS
formerly of Danzig
has passed away suddenly.
The funeral will take place today, June 21, 1984, at 10 a.m. at the
Kfar Samir cemetery, Haifa.

Gerda Arens née Mendelson
Helga Bensinger, sister-in-law
Ron and Ruth Bensinger, and children

Wife shoots husband in Haifa street

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — A woman shot and wounded her husband on Rehov Habankim in downtown Haifa yesterday — minutes after they left the nearby rabbinical court, police said.

Police said Shoshana Revivo, 30, pulled a pistol from her handbag and opened fire. She reportedly fired several shots at her husband Nissim, 35, and at least one bullet hit him in the head.

He was taken to Rambam Hospital where his condition was described as fair.

Passers-by thought at first it was a

terrorist attack when they heard the shots, and many took cover.

A man standing nearby said that after firing the shots at her husband the woman appeared to turn the gun on herself, but before she could fire it several people managed to disarm her.

At least one bullet ricocheted off a car and another reportedly hit the outside of a bank, but nobody else was injured.

Police said the couple, who live at Moshav Shomera, near the Lebanese border in the Western Galilee, had been in the rabbinical court where they are involved in divorce proceedings.

Meanwhile, Zvi Morad, 37, who was seriously wounded in another shooting incident in the city on Monday night, died of his injuries in Rambam Hospital early yesterday morning, police reported.

Morad was apparently shot in his Allenby Street flat by Salomon Turgeman, 43, who was found dead at the scene. Also wounded in the flat was Turgeman's wife Yaffa, 31. She is still in critical condition in Rambam Hospital.

It is believed that Turgeman thought his wife and Morad were having an affair, and shot them both before killing himself.

Minor thieves in major theft go free

JAFFA (Itim). — Two local boys aged nine and 10 were arrested Tuesday night on suspicion of three burglaries, in one of which 80 shofarot worth about IS800,000 were stolen. Due to the lack of a suitable detention home, they were released with a warning.

The shofarot (rams' horns blown on the High Holy Days) were stolen from a Jaffa workshop about a month ago. On Tuesday afternoon, a worker from the shop noticed a shofar lying in the courtyard of a Jaffa building and called the police.

The officers suspected a nine-year-old boy living in the adjacent house and questioned him. He admitted the thefts and told them he had an accomplice. The two boys led

the police to their cache, which contained 27 shofarot.

The boys said they had sold the other 53 shofarot in the Jaffa flea market for IS50 each, not realizing they are worth up to IS11,000 apiece. In addition to the shofarot, the cache contained a number of toys stolen two weeks ago from a Jaffa kindergarten and two bicycles.

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Police: Crime up 11.8% over last year

There was an increase of 11.8 per cent in the number of criminal files opened during the first five months of this year as compared with the same period last year, a spokesman at national police headquarters said yesterday.

Burglaries around the country were up 16 per cent, while cases of

passing bad checks were up 6 per cent. There were 89 cases of rape, up 4.7 per cent over the January-May period in 1983.

The largest rise in crime was in the Central District, which includes Tel Aviv. Police there reported opening 25 per cent more files. (Itim)

Garbage collector ordered held in laundry theft

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A Gaza resident yesterday was remanded for five days by the local magistrates' court on suspicion of stealing laundry. He was arrested early yesterday morning by a Border Police unit in Bat Yam while he was carrying a bundle of wet clothes.

Yakub Tawil, 28, told the court he has been working as a garbage collector for seven years and takes whatever he wants from the trash. Judge Hadassah Ahituv, however, accepted the testimony of a police investigator that the clothing in question had been freshly laundered. The investigator also noted there have been previous complaints of laundry thefts in the area.

TAU scientists develop cobra serum

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Scientists at Tel Aviv University have developed a serum for the treatment of the fatal bite of the black cobra.

According to Prof. Avner Beidol and Elazar Kochva, who developed the serum, the black cobra is one of the eight venomous snakes found in Israel, and until now serums have been available only for the bite

of the Palestinian viper, present throughout the country, and the carpet viper, a desert species.

Attempts are now underway to develop a multi-purpose serum counteracting the bite of any of the eight species.

The Health Ministry has approved the new serum, and it will soon be stocked by all hospitals in the area where bites may be incurred.

New archeological dig examines water mills

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — An archeological study of remains of the water mills in Nahal Hatanim, in the Ma'agan Michael Nature Reserve, has been started by a joint expedition from Haifa University and Danish universities.

The remains at the top of the site are of a mill that was in use until 60 years ago, but it is expected that mills dating from as far back as the Roman period will be found lower down.

The dig, financed by the Karlsberg Foundation, is being carried out by 15 students from Israel and Denmark, under Dr. Michael Artzy of Haifa University and a Danish water mill specialist, Thorvald Schioler.

Shamir to present Arabic writing prizes

The Prime Minister's Prize for creative writing in the Arabic language will be bestowed in a ceremony to be held today at 6 p.m. at The Writers House in Tel Aviv.

This year's recipients are poet Anwar Ben-Shaul, originally of Baghdad, and short-story writer Masud Hamdan, 25, of Ushiya. Prime Minister Shamir will award the prizes.



Pupils at a Tel Aviv high school seem pleased by report cards received at the end of the school year yesterday. Some 251,000 high-schoolers around the country started their summer vacation yesterday. (IPPA)

15 suspects held in round-up of Tel Aviv burglary gang

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — A gang of alleged burglars and safe-crackers was rounded up by central unit detectives yesterday, police announced, with the arrest of 15 persons, including three women. Some are also suspected of drug dealing and extortion.

The gang, which used sophisticated machinery and daring burglary techniques, is said to have stolen tens of millions of shekels worth of television and video sets, computers, cameras, Persian carpets and jewelry during the past year.

After several months of surveillance, the detective team found goods stolen in 16 burglaries, during which eight safes were cracked. The burglaries had taken place in diamond-polishing plants, travel agencies and jewelry shops in the centre of Tel Aviv, from February 1983 to April 1984.

The gang planned every burglary thoroughly, police said, visiting the

target, studying its security and alarm systems, obtaining the right kind of equipment (stolen from other places) and finally breaking in through the wall of adjacent structures.

Police also believe that some gang members were extorting money from one member who had apparently not let the others in on a burglary he committed alone.

Several more arrests are expected in connection with the drug trade in which some gang members were allegedly involved.

Four years for rape

Two students from Mirya were sentenced yesterday to four years in prison and three years suspended sentence this week to four years in Norwegian tourist.

Kamal Mata, 20, and Misbal Kasis, 24, were convicted of rape under aggravated circumstances. The two, who study in Haifa, invited the woman to their rented apartment in Hadar Hacarmel and raped her.

'No change' in U.S. policy on Black Hebrews

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA. — The permission granted a Black Hebrew defector to re-enter the U.S. does not herald a change in American policy on the subject, a U.S. Embassy spokesman in Tel Aviv stated yesterday.

Melvyn Coleman, who left the cult last May, did not receive a visa to the U.S. but a "humanitarian parole" sometimes granted refugees, until a

regular visa can be issued, the spokesman explained.

"Nor did the decision to let Coleman return have anything to do with pressure on us from the Interior Ministry," he added, damping hopes expressed earlier by ministry deputy director-general Yehoshua Kahana.

Israel has asked that 78 cult members who renounced their American citizenship in 1973 be allowed to return to the U.S. if they wish.

Campaigning in Emmanuel Levy acclaimed for 'miracle' in Samaria

EMMANUEL. — Deputy Prime Minister David Levy came here yesterday to make an election campaign television commercial, his rhetoric fitting in well with the religious idiom of the three-year-old orthodox Samaria suburb.

It's like a miracle, what you did here," said one of the dozen women residents who traipsed behind the men welcoming Levy. Levy's Housing Ministry provided the loans for the homes, and is laying the roads, pavements, sewage system and other infrastructure in the settlement.

"A man in public service," said Levy, speaking to her and to the camera, "derives his strength from withstanding the slings and arrows of his opponents. He derives his strength from vision. And here, this is my vision."

"Prophecy, that's what you brought us when you came three years ago and stood here and said there would be a city," said Reb Pinhas, Levy's guide through the paved gardens and dirt paths of the residential area with its breathtaking view.

A Levy aide later conceded that Emmanuel is actually a small village, but "the word city sounds nice. And besides it gets the place all the services of a city. That's what we want. To make people happy."

Levy's biggest crowd was in a first-grade classroom. He passed without entering a just completed kindergarten built by the residents and named in honour of his mother Sima.

"As I look out on these families blessed with children," said Levy to the camera, "I can feel my strength. I feel the strength of Eretz Yisrael."

He pointed to a tractor showing yet another boulder aside and said, waving a trembling finger, "This is the music that cannot be stopped. Nobody can stop it. Not those who complain about nothing having been built, about catastrophe everywhere. They don't understand that

EYE-WITNESS Robert Rosenberg

we are making history out here.

A local Likud activist approached to promise a questionnaire who asked why there were no factories. "The next year there will be 80 factories here," one resident, an electrical engineer by profession, begged behind the group, grabbing the questionnaire by the arm for a moment. "It's a wonderful place, really a wonderful place. And we'll have factories. Mostly high-tech industry. Computers and the like. But I'm not sure about 80 factories next year."

There were lots of good pictures for the man running the Likud campaign. There was Levy next to what one woman called "the best mikva in the world. You've never seen such a mikva." There was Levy next to the day-care centre, described by the chief Sephardi rabbi of the settlement as "the best day-care centre in the area. You've never seen such a day care centre." And there was Levy in the still incomplete shopping centre, which one of the shopkeepers later said "is one of the best shopping centres I've ever been in. You've even been in such a shopping centre."

After about an hour Levy and his party were off to another settlement.

But none, said one of the residents of Emmanuel, "is as nice as ours. I bet you've never been to such a nice place."

CANCER COURSE. — Colombian doctors and researchers recently learned about novel approaches to cancer therapy in a course given at the Weizmann Institute of Science. This course followed a cooperation agreement between the Colombian Scientific Research Institute and the Israeli institute.

Eilat railroad contract about to be signed

EILAT (Itim). — An agreement for building a rail line to Eilat will probably be signed today between the government and the Canadian firm CPSC, Transport Minister Haim Corfu told reporters here yesterday.

He quoted a figure of \$250 million as the cost of the project. This will include 145 kilometres of new track, bridges and crossings, and the purchase of locomotives and cars. All the money will be raised from foreign

investors, Corfu said, and the construction will take three years after plans are drawn up.

The line is expected to give new life to the nearly deserted Eilat port, the minister added, with coal imports a major factor.

Corfu also announced that an international air terminal will be built at Ein Avrona, 11 km. north of Eilat. Construction will not begin for at least four years.

"NO ALTERNATIVE!"



Rabbi Shaul Yisraeli
Rosh Yeshivat Mercaz Harav and former member of the Supreme Rabbinical Court

In addressing the Jewish nation that dwells in Zion and votes in Israel's parliamentary elections, Rabbi Yisraeli has the following to say:

"Under the banner of the 'Land of Israel for the People of Israel by the Torah of Israel', the Mafdal has stood for more than 50 years at the vanguard of authentic Judaism's struggle in keeping the Holy Land holy."

In Rabbi Yisraeli's words, the Mafdal was instrumental in establishing religious state education, yeshiva high schools and the growing network of yeshivot hesder, Torah Ve'Avoda settlements throughout the country, legislation to preserve the sanctity of the Jewish people, the Chief Rabbinate and the outstanding and respected system of Rabbinical Courts.

Rabbi Yisraeli continues: "As we approach election day, we are duty-bound to play our part in determining the character of the 11th Knesset as well as the composition of the Government in the years to come. Every one of us must exercise the full extent of his national responsibility in ensuring the election of loyal National Religious Mafdal representatives whose voice will be heard as they guard the integrity of the Torah of Israel. We must do everything in our power to prevent further divisions in our ranks. Our strength lies in our unity. Every defection is an evil act aimed at detracting from our strength and at undermining our camp."



Dr. Yitzhak Nebenzahl
Israel's second State Comptroller

"For me, it is not a question of 'Mafdal' — notwithstanding... Mafdal has always been my first and only choice."

For Dr. Nebenzahl, who holds the 120th position in the Mafdal's list of Knesset candidates, there is no alternative. He feels that the Mafdal's current problems are insignificant when compared to the ideological considerations that have kept him a member of the National Religious Party ever since his youth. Dr. Nebenzahl claims that the very name "National Religious Party" expresses the nature and uniqueness of this party for all times.

"As I see it, Mafdal is Israel's true centre party. It is the party of national religious Jews that has always been at the very centre of our nation's current events, has always represented a unifying element between the different extremes within the country and has always advocated that the ways of the Torah are gracious ways."

NO IF'S OR BUTS VOTE MAFDAL

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Saudi pilots instructed to shoot all intruders

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP). — Saudi Arabia has ordered its air force pilots to "shoot on sight" any plane that intrudes into its airspace, the Kuwait newspaper *Al-Anbaa* reported yesterday.

Quoting unidentified "highly placed" Arabian Gulf sources, the independent paper said that pilots were told to "shoot without recourse to the (Saudi) military command or the political leadership."

Under a new arrangement, the U.S.-built airborne warning and control system (AWACS) radar planes in the eastern province of the kingdom monitor air and ship movement in the gulf and relay information directly to the Saudi air force, it said.

The AWACS, manned by U.S. pilots and Saudi navigators, used to send the information first to the Pentagon, which relayed it to the Saudis.

"Sending the information to the Saudis through the Pentagon was a slow process that took about three minutes, a duration that rendered the information useless in most cases," *Al-Anbaa* quoted its sources as saying.

Arab diplomatic sources in Kuwait and Bahrain confirmed the report, adding that Saudi Arabia rarely publicizes such orders.

The new orders, they said, were deemed necessary in light of Iran's recent air attacks on Saudi and Kuwait oil tankers in neutral waters, some 482 kilometres south of the Iraq-Iran war zone.

Meanwhile, more than 4,000 recruits left Tehran yesterday for the Gulf War front after a rousing farewell ceremony.

The volunteers were part of a force mobilized last week, apparently to assist in an expected major ground offensive in the 45-month-old conflict.

Diplomats in Tehran estimate there are already at least half a million Iranian forces — regular troops, Islamic Revolutionary Guards and volunteers — on the war front.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, meanwhile, has called on the UN secretary-general to take action to prevent Iraq from using chemical weapons.

Iraqi Maj.-Gen. Maher Abdul-Rasheed said his forces had recaptured more areas of the Majnoon Islands from Iranian troops. He said the recaptured areas had been fortified by his men and that they had opened floodgates of the Huweiza River to inundate and immobilize the rest of the island area still in Iranian hands.

Hunt for extremists goes on as quiet returns to Punjab

NEW DELHI. — The Indian Army remained in place throughout Punjab state yesterday, combing villages for fugitive extremists who might pose a threat to the region's slow return to normal.

The Press Trust of India said nearly 50 suspects were detained in operations on Tuesday aimed at tracking down about 11 hard-core extremists still at large.

Among those arrested was the propaganda secretary of the banned All India Sikh Students Federation.

which the government outlawed for running guerrilla training camps.

Sources said the hunt would go on until the last of the 100 extremists on the wanted list is captured.

About 3,500 suspects have been detained since the army moved into the Punjab on June 2 and took control of the Golden Temple, the holiest Sikh shrine, four days later.

The army will remain in the Temple complex until all the weapons of Sikh militants are recovered and the sacred shrine is cleared of explosives, the government said Tuesday night.

A government spokesman said the army presence has been thinned, but complete withdrawal will not be possible until the Temple area is free of arms. He said large quantities of arms and explosives are being recovered every day and more remain.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi reviewed developments in Punjab at a cabinet meeting Tuesday night and expressed her satisfaction with the way mopping-up operations are progressing, the sources said.

They said that because some top extremists are still at large, security had been tightened around Gandhi and other government officials.

Dusk-to-dawn curfews imposed in most Punjab towns for the past two weeks were partially relaxed in several regions, allowing movement until late evening. Road and rail traffic, while still subject to stringent army searches, also was returning to normal in the prosperous farming region. (Reuters: AP)

Miners block supplies to major British steel plants

LONDON (AP). — Railway workers halted supplies of coal and coke yesterday to two of Britain's five major steel plants, officials reported, as a blockade called by striking miners began to have an impact.

State-owned British Rail said its locomotive engineers refused to run coal and coke trains to the giant Ravenscraig steel plant in Scotland and to South Wales' Llanwern plant.

The British Steel Corp., also state-owned, responded by saying it plans to beat the Ravenscraig blockade by bringing in fuel on truck convoys.

The miners' leftist leader Arthur Scargill — who was hospitalized earlier in the week for treatment for head and arm injuries received on the picket line — ordered the blockade from midnight Tuesday in an attempt to halt all steel production, despite the resistance from the moderate-led Steelworkers' Union. The coal strike now is in its 15th week.

A British Steel Corp. spokesman said fuel supplies continued to reach its three other plants. Two of them, Port Talbot — also in South Wales — and north England's Redcar, have their own deep water ports where imported coke is landed.

Supplying the remaining plant, Scunthorpe in northern England, this week provoked the worst violence in a modern British labour dispute.

Some 6,500 pickets fought a day-long pitched battle with 3,000 policemen as the militants tried to halt road convoys from the nearby Orgreave coke plant.

China: U.S. sale to Taiwan violates 1982 agreement

PEKING (Reuters). — China has condemned Washington's planned sale of 12 modern military transport planes to Taiwan as a violation of a U.S. commitment to Peking.

The U.S. Defence Department said on Monday it plans to sell replacements for Taiwan's older aircraft, together with spares, worth \$325 million to Peking's nationalistic rivals. The deal also includes provisions of training.

Last week, Chinese Defence Minister Zhang Aiping signed an agreement in principle for the sale of U.S. arms supplies to the communist mainland.

Foreign Ministry spokesman told a news conference here yesterday that as the C-130 Hercules transports being sold to Taiwan were far more advanced than any previously supplied to that country, their sale infringed an August 1982 joint U.S.-Chinese communique.

"The Chinese government firmly opposes this action of the U.S. side, which violates the provisions of the communique, and reiterates that the U.S. must take practical actions to strictly abide by its commitments," he said.

Peking had made representations to Washington before the public announcement.

Chinese deputy FM going to USSR

PEKING (AP). — China announced yesterday that Vice-Foreign Minister Qian Qichen will visit the Soviet Union, Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia from late June to early July.

The announcement came at a time of increasingly hostile accusations between China and the Soviet Union, and was a possible signal that the Communist neighbours do not want their uneasy relations to deteriorate further.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman told a regular weekly news briefing that Qian was invited by his counterparts in the three East Bloc countries, but provided no detail on the

dates, itinerary or reason for the visit.

Qian is China's Soviet expert and has led the Chinese delegation to discussions on improving relations between Peking and Moscow, held every six months since October 1982.

The last round in Moscow failed to resolve any of the three major issues China contends obstruct better ties: Soviet forces on the Chinese border, Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and Moscow's support for Vietnam's occupation of Kampuchea.

Despite these disputes, the talks have led to increased trade, cultural and sports exchanges.

Armenians: Vienna bomb was our work

PARIS. — The self-styled Armenian Revolutionary Army claimed responsibility for a car bombing outside the Turkish Embassy in Vienna which yesterday killed one person and seriously injured three others.

In an anonymous phone call to a news organization here, a woman said members of this group, which already claimed responsibility for bomb attacks in Vienna, Brussels

and Lisbon, had carried out the latest operation.

The bomb exploded in a Turkish diplomat's car outside his embassy, demolishing the vehicle, killing the driver and injuring five persons, three seriously, police said.

The fiery blast scattered debris over a 50-metre radius and charred the driver's body beyond recognition. (Reuters: AP)

Prosecutor says Bulgaria behind attempt to kill pope

ROME (AP). — Bulgaria, possibly with Soviet support, masterminded the 1981 plot to murder Pope John Paul II in an apparent attempt to stop social unrest in the pontiff's native Poland, an Italian prosecutor said Tuesday.

"That's the conclusion of my investigation," the prosecutor, Antonio Albano, said in an interview.

Albano confirmed that his report on the pope's shooting said, "There was a specific interest in killing the pontiff — (and) the social convulsions in Poland" caused by the rise of the now-suspended Solidarity labour union.

He said he submitted the 78-page report on his inquiry to judge Ilario Martella, who heads the state investigation into the May 13, 1981

shooting of the pope by Turkish terrorist Mehmet Ali Agca in St. Peter's Square.

The report recommends that three Bulgarians and four other Turks be tried in connection with the attack on the pope, Albano said. But he gave no details on how the seven men allegedly were involved in the shooting.

The emotional atmosphere in Poland during John Paul's 1979 visit to his homeland was regarded as encouraging to the Labour activists who created Solidarity the following year.

Bulgaria has denied any involvement in the shooting of the pope, and has charged the allegations are part of a western plot to discredit the communist nation.

MPs will visit Argentina to discuss Falklands future

LONDON (Reuters). — The first British politicians to visit Argentina since the 1982 Falklands conflict will fly to Buenos Aires this weekend in an attempt to heal the rift between the two countries, which are technically still at war.

The three parliamentarians are sponsored by the South Atlantic Council, a non-partisan group lobbying for a resumption of talks between the two countries.

The politicians — Cyril Townsend, George Foulkes and Lord Kennet — will be the guest of Argentina's Senate Committee for International Parliamentary Relations during the five-day visit, and hope to meet Argentine Foreign Minister Dante Caputo.

Official negotiations on the future of the Falkland Islands appear dead-

locked, with Prime Minister Thatcher not willing to discuss the question of sovereignty and Argentina refusing to declare a cessation of hostilities.

Since Britain retook the South Atlantic islands from occupying Argentine troops in June 1982, it has defended its claim to sovereignty with a costly garrison of 4,000 troops and a squadron of fighter planes.

But members of Thatcher's own conservative government have said an alternative, negotiated settlement ought to be reached to avoid a second Falklands war.

The Foreign Office says exploratory exchanges have been taking place to resume official talks, but Argentine President Raul Alfonsin issued a joint statement with Spain last week, reiterating his country's claim to the islands.

Sports

The nonpareil

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Carl Lewis, the magnificently gifted sprinter-long jumper, put on two glittering performances in a record-filled programme on Tuesday night at the U.S. track and field trials.

Lewis won the long jump at 8.7m, equalling the fourth-best performance ever outdoors and ran his second-round heat in the 200m dash in 19.84 seconds the second-best effort ever at sea level and the fourth-best overall.

While Lewis' exploits were a big part of the show at the Los Angeles Coliseum, the fans were treated to two American records — 1:43.74 by Earl Jones and Johnny Gray in the men's 800m, and 49.28 by Chandra Cheeseborough in the women's 400m.

In addition, Kim Callaghan won the women's 1500m, the fastest by an American this year, world champion Greg Foster took the men's 100m, high hurdles in 13.21, Kaarin Smith captured the women's javelin at 61.18m, and Paul Cummings grabbed the men's 10,000m in 27:59.08.

Lewis, seeking to make the team in four events — in his quest to match the four-gold medal feat of Jesse Owens in the 1936 Olympics — earned his third berth by capturing the long jump.

Lewis, who earned places on the U.S. team in the 100m dash and the 400m relay on Sunday night, will go for his fourth spot on Thursday night, when the 200m semi-finals and final are scheduled.

In Belfast, South African-born teenager Zola Budd, now qualified for the British Olympic team, stroked to victory in the 3,000m race at the U.S. Games on Tuesday in a time of 8 minutes 51.00 seconds.

Joy and sorrow

PARIS (Reuters). — Joy and sorrow marked the preliminary group stage of the European Soccer Championship finals, in which France and Denmark advanced to the semi-finals of group one.

France overcame a 1-0 deficit to beat Yugoslavia 3-2, due to another Michel Platini hat-trick. The Yugoslavs' despondency turned to despair when their much-loved leader, Bosiljko Vukobratovic, died of a heart attack in hospital, after collapsing on the field and being given mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Platini scored twice in three minutes, once by slipping through the defence and then by a brilliant perfect cross from Patrick Battison. His third goal came from a free kick from outside the penalty area. He curled his shot over the wall, past the outstretched arms of the goalkeeper.

French newspapers are running out of superlatives to describe the captain. Most headlines have been reduced to proclaiming "Platini, Platini, Platini."

Against Denmark, Belgium went ahead after 21 minutes, and added a second 12 minutes later. Denmark got back in the game thanks to a controversial penalty awarded by East German referee Adolf Prokop, who had earlier turned down their appeals for much clearer fouls. Then Kenneth Brylle headed in an equalizer, and finally Preben Elkjaer crossed a brilliant solo effort, during which the ghosted round two defenders, by calmly tucking the ball home past the onrushing goalkeeper.

Squash tourney

By JACK LEON

Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Third-seeded Yitzhak Sami's quarter-final defeat by No. 6 seed Barry Omsky has been the only setback in the opening round of the Israeli Squash Racket Association's eighth national championship, now taking place at the Herzliya Squash Centre. Play resumes today at 7 p.m. after a mid-week break, and the tournament winds up on Saturday night.

In Tuesday night's other quarters, top seed Aubrey Nathan defeated Avi Zerach 3-1. No. 2 Neville Berman came through 3-0 against Peter Sharrock, and fourth-seeded Phil Bjornsson beat David Grossman by a similar margin.

The entry in the open category nearly 60 men and just two bold women competitors, Nadia Kramer and Claire Levine. Kramer, seeded 15th, was a 3-1 third-round victim of Berman, while Levine went out 3-0 to Johnny Kaye in the second round. But both girls are safely through in the semi-finals in the separate 16-draw women's event, with title-holder Kramer meeting Vivian Brodie and Levine facing Leora Josman.

Nearly 100 players — among them some 30 adults — are participating in the championships, which also include veterans over-35 and over-45 competitions.

United after Sinai

Post Sports Staff

Ron Atkinson, the Manchester United manager is at present in Israel, negotiating with Hapoel Tel Aviv about Moshe Sinai, the 22-year-old midfielder who ruined Betar Jerusalem with two perfect games in their crucial league match. Atkinson has invited Sinai to come for trial at Old Trafford at the end of July. He is keen, but he has indicated cautiously that the price has to be right before the young Israeli can join one of the famous clubs of the world.

Breast stroke record

TORONTO. — Canadian Victor Davis, 20, stroked his way to a world record in the men's 200m breaststroke on Tuesday night. He shattered the record he set at Guayaquil, Ecuador, in 1982 with a time of 2:14.58.

Perkis through

Shahar Perkis won his first match in the Wimbledon qualifying tournament at Roehampton, beating an Australian 7-6, 7-5.

Country cricket

Northamptonshire 204 (Robert Bailey 75, John Lever five for 72) and 315 for six (Goff Cook 84, Richard Williams 65, Wayne Larkin 55). Essex 417 (Keith Fletcher 131, Chris Gladwin 72, Ken McEwan 51, Alan Walker four for 58). Essex and Northamptonshire drew.

Surrey 205 (Alec Stewart 73) and 262 for six (Alan Butcher 135 not out; Sussex 355 for nine declared (Dermot Desmond 119, John Barclay 76). Surrey and Sussex drew.

Leicestershire 328 for eight declared (Peter Watley 156, Tim Bonner 75) and 172 (Rajesh Mehta six for 75). Hampshire 244 (Andy Roberts five for 53) and 190 (Chris Smith 75, Mark Nicholas 59). Leicestershire beat Hampshire by 63 runs.

Lancashire 337 for eight declared (John Atherton 83, Neil Fairweather 66, Joseph Ormrod 62, Mark Chadwick 53) and 151 for six declared (Fairweather 68, Stephen Jefferson 55 not out; Rodney Ontong five for 80). Glamorgan 306 (Vivian Ahmed 83, Javed Miandad 63) and 169 for eight (Foley five for 58). Glamorgan and Lancashire drew.

Derbyshire 439 (John Wright 141, John Morris 116, Phil Carrick 45 for 165) and 175 for seven declared (Morris 76, Carrick five for 60). Yorkshire 352 for four declared (Garry Bisset 153 not out; Kevin Sharp 104, Philip Robinson 74 not out) and 204 for six (Martin Meeson 74). Yorkshire and Derbyshire drew.

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Stopgap measures

IT IS a hallowed principle of democracy that there is continuity in government, and that the agreements and obligations undertaken by one government are binding upon the next. The principle, of course, applies to wage contracts as to any other.

This is the theory. But it is unlikely to be the practice in this case, with wage agreement negotiations being conducted under the whiplash of impending elections. Furthermore, government economic policy has concentrated on effecting a massive wage erosion, virtually tearing apart the traditional wage structure.

It is clear that, no matter who wins the elections a month and two days from today, it will not be before the fall before a new government will be able to translate its election platform into day-to-day policy.

Labour unrest will therefore not subside. There is a race among workers to redress the wrongs caused by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad's attempt to repeat the feat of Alexander the Great and cut the Gordian knot of the country's economic ills by one stroke of the sword. In that race, it is inevitable that there will also be groups of workers who are not content with a restoration of their *status quo ante*, but who will want to get as far ahead in the queue as they can.

In these circumstances, a wage agreement signed barely a month before elections cannot be anything but an interim agreement. Unsettled labour disputes will remain. The fact that various unions are stepping up their pressure and applying sanctions, and others may join them regardless of framework agreements is evidence of that.

Yesterday's Treasury proposal to tide the economy over by an agreement to pay an advance on a wage increase, and to finalize the agreement after the elections, would have had much merit had it come a month, or even two weeks ago. The Treasury's shilly-shallying during the weeks that have gone by, in a vain attempt to make the Histadrut accept its unrealistic offer of an 8 per cent wage increase in the public sector, have put to naught any chance of a genuine interim settlement.

By now, it is clear to everybody that no government will be able to reduce inflation overnight from its present 400 per cent rate. It is becoming clearer by the day that there is no longer much effective management of the economy. The fact that merchants have reportedly begun to link their prices not to the official exchange rate of the dollar, but to the black market rate, and that tourists are beginning to convert their foreign currency on the black market are ominous signs of breakdown.

No wonder wage earners realize that in these circumstances their real wages will go on being eroded. It is also clear that wage differentials, between grades and between different groups of wage earners, will be narrowed, because those with the higher incomes will get less compensation than the lower grades or occupational groups.

Since nobody is prepared to accept the perverse egalitarianism caused by hyperinflation, labour unrest is likely to go on for many months to come, and only a visible effort by the next government to restore the economy to some degree of stability can hope to pour oil on the troubled waters.

What the present and expected labour unrest will do to an economy that, more than anything else, needs to step up its efficiency and productivity, is grievous to contemplate. A wage settlement that goes beyond compensating workers for what they have lost since last October is certainly not something the economy can afford now. But the price of a settlement that leaves too many groups of workers disgruntled may turn out to be even higher than the cost of accepting a certain degree of hedging against the inevitable continued wage erosion of the next few months.

The hapless policies of the present government have left no more than a choice between evils — to the point where it is even difficult to say which is the lesser evil.

Diplomatic moves

By WOLF BLITZER

DESPITE continuing, strong State Department resistance, several senior White House political aides are now clearly moving in the direction of accepting a face-saving formula with Congress on the controversial proposal to move the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Under the proposed compromise, the Senate and House of Representatives would pass a non-binding "sense of the congress" resolution favouring the move of the embassy.

As it currently stands, the bill sponsored by Democratic senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York would be legally binding on the president.

President Ronald Reagan, very anxious to shore up his standing in the Jewish community, would not be forced into either vetoing or signing into law a non-binding statement on Jerusalem passed by majorities in both houses. He could simply ignore the measure.

Those in the White House favouring this compromise hope it will avoid an all-out confrontation between the administration and Israel's supporters on Capitol Hill just as Reagan's re-election campaign gets into full swing.

His almost-certain Democratic challenger, Walter Mondale, is already on record in support of the embassy move. Mondale has pledged to transfer the embassy to Jerusalem immediately after taking office.

The Democratic Party's draft platform committee, currently meeting in Washington, is also likely to include a plank in support of the embassy move. The 1976 and 1980 party platforms called for the em-

bassy transfer to Jerusalem although the party's presidential candidate on both occasions, Jimmy Carter, announced that he personally opposed the move.

SECRETARY of State George Shultz and other senior State Department officials, especially those in the Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Bureau, continue to oppose even a non-binding congressional resolution on Jerusalem, fearing it would be misunderstood in the Arab and Moslem world.

Some State Department officials fear that much of the Moslem world would not necessarily differentiate between a binding and non-binding resolution, and that U.S. interests there would suffer as a result of any congressionally-passed resolution.

The Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, Richard Murphy, is expected to make the case against any congressional action — binding or non-binding — when he testifies today before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Senior State Department officials, Joseph Sisco and Harold Saunders, were due to appear yesterday before the same panel to express their views on the proposed legislation. Both oppose the Moynihan bill.

The committee will go into closed-door session next week to hear assessments from the Central Intelligence Agency and Ronald Spiers, Under Secretary of State for Management, on the implications of an embassy move.

Administration officials have repeatedly raised the possibility of anti-American violence erupting in the Arab and Moslem world if the

embassy were moved.

According to the *Middle East Policy Survey*, Spiers has just conducted a survey of U.S. embassies in Arab and Islamic countries to determine the likely response to a non-binding resolution. "While the U.S. ambassadors warned of the political and security dangers of an embassy move," the newsletter said, "all but Nicholas Veliotis, the U.S. envoy in Cairo, conveyed a milder reaction to a non-binding resolution. However, they requested advance warning of any impending congressional action in order to provide them an opportunity to brief local press and government officials."

The newsletter said the United States Information Agency has prepared "talking points" for embassy information officers which "downplay" the significance of the Jerusalem initiative.

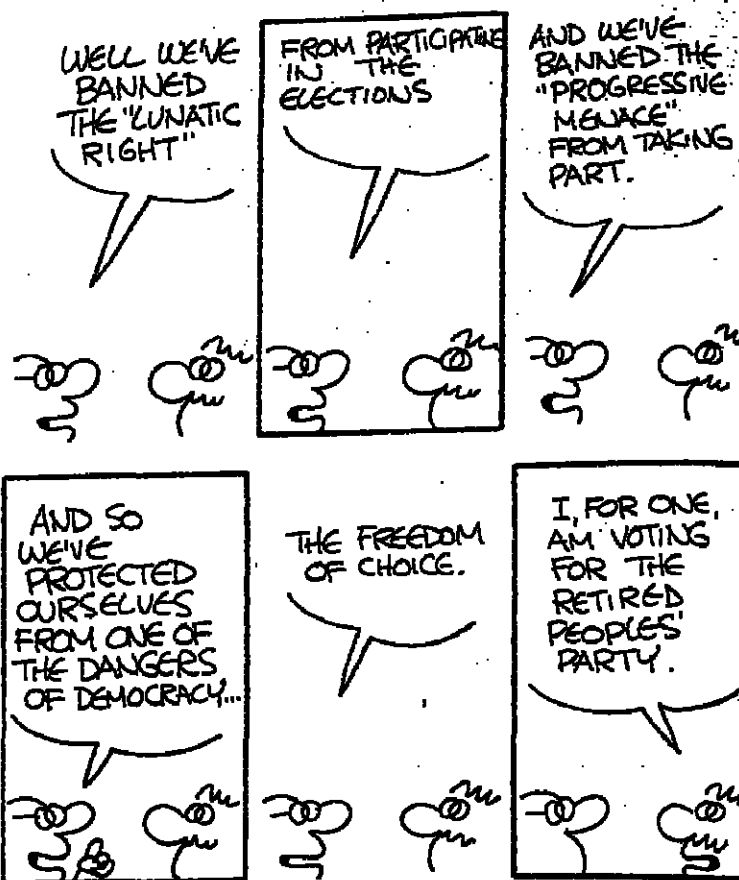
Majorities in both houses already have co-sponsored the embassy bill.

THERE ARE many members of Congress, especially among the Democrats, who are still pressing hard for a full-scale, binding resolution. They are clearly anxious to try to embarrass Reagan and the Republicans on the eve of elections.

But others are quietly pushing for the face-saving formula. Even some of Israel's best friends are anxious to avoid an all-out confrontation on this issue at a time of generally smooth U.S.-Israeli relations.

Last week, a delegation of Republican Jewish leaders met with Vice President George Bush. White House counselor Ed Mese and other senior administration officials. The Jerusalem Bill was high on the agenda. The delegation strongly urged

Dry Bones



the administration to go along with the non-binding resolution.

For the most part, the administration officials were non-committal in their response — with the exception of White House political aide Ed Rollins, who told the group flatly that the Reagan Administration would accept a non-binding resolution as a "way out" of the current political dilemma.

Other White House officials later insisted that no final decision on the compromise has yet been made by Reagan, although they confirmed that Rollins' view was indeed shared by many other senior White House staffers who are anxious to avoid a fight with the Jewish community.

Republican political activists believe that the increased influence of the Rev. Jesse Jackson in the Democratic Party will have a clearly beneficial impact on Jewish support for Republican candidates this year. But the activists know that an all-out battle over the emotionally charged Jerusalem could limit the benefits for the Republican Party.

Israeli officials are still keeping an extremely low profile. While professing support for the embassy initiative, they also are reluctant to enter into a rift with Washington on the eve of Israel's elections.

The writer is the Washington correspondent of The Jerusalem Post.

READERS' LETTERS

COMPOSERS' PROTEST

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — Following the distribution of a Likud pamphlet in the guise of a programme at the concert at Hayarkon Park in Tel Aviv on May 31, bearing the signature of the Chairman of the Israel Composers' Union, we, the undersigned members of the Union, wish to make the following points:

1. We protest against the fact that the Chairman of the Union, Ami Ma'ayani, used his position to sign a party's electoral pamphlet.

2. The Union of Composers is a non-party organization whose members are composers with differing political views; never before has the name of the Union been used for political purposes.

3. Irrespective of the contents of the pamphlet, we dissociate ourselves from this attempt on the part of a political group to drag artistic matters into the election campaign and to involve a union like ours in party strife.

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DISCRIMINATORY DECISION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — As an instructor at an Israeli university (not the Technion), I am troubled by the Technion Senate's recent decision to grant a substantial entrance-requirement benefit to candidates who have done military or other national service.

The Technion spokesman, presumably speaking for the senate, has denied any intention of discrimination, claiming that the senate merely wished to compensate those who had spent three or more years in military or other national service.

Since one assumes the spokesman

and almost all of those he speaks for are Jews, members of a people who have suffered more than any other from discrimination, one of course accepts this claim. It is quite unthinkable that, given the history of our own people in other countries, a major Jewish academy of higher learning would deliberately discriminate against a minority in its own land. How little, after all, can one learn from history? How dull can one's moral sensibilities conceivably be?

WILLIAM FREEDMAN
Haifa.

SURGERY FOR MONGOLISM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — Like many of your readers, I am pleased to know that the Soroka Medical Centre in Beersheba now offers reconstructive plastic surgery for children with Down's syndrome (May 30).

I was surprised, however, to read that Dr. Dan Hauben, deputy director of the centre, claims that these children previously had to go abroad for such treatment. For almost two and half years, such operations have been performed at Hadassah University Hospital, Ein Kerem, in Jerusalem, by Professor Menachem Ron Wexler and his staff.

Wexler, who introduced the surgery to Israel, has taught the technique to plastic surgeons here and abroad.

Jerusalem. ESTHER HECHT

PUBLIC HEALTH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — On June 10, you reported that a man died at Haifa's Rothschild Hospital and that his death might have been due to surgery delay.

How can the Minister of Finance, Mr. Cohen-Orgad, and the Minister of Health, Mr. Shostak, explain that the necessary funds are not available for the Rothschild Hospital, whilst millions are distributed to religious institutions, yeshivot, etc.? Have these ministers any responsibility towards the public or only towards political commitments to coalition partners?

According to the report, the family did not authorize an autopsy, which is self-explanatory.

May I suggest that the public in Israel in general and in Haifa in particular raise its voices to object to the way the authorities dealt with public health in this particular case. It is ridiculous that 140 beds in the surgical wards are empty. Is there no authority above these ministers, for instance Prime Minister Shamir, who could intervene and solve this problem?

Haifa. D.B. MAYER

RABBI MOSHE LEVINGER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — I do not usually write letters to the press and I am tired of reading again and again the same articles about my brother, Rabbi Levinger. But this time, friends persuaded me to read Nahum Barnea's article, "The politics of fanaticism", which you reproduced from *Koterev Rashit*, May 25 and to respond.

I do not intend to discuss Mr. Barnea's opinions — he is entitled to believe that Rabbi Levinger is mad. But he is not entitled to distort facts to make his point. I do not intend to correct all his misinformation, but will only refer to those facts which he distorted in order to prove that Levinger is clinically mad, with a family history of madness.

"Kasher Le'ehad was the sister of mathematics professor Avraham Halevi Frankel... Another sister, Tirza, married Eliezer Levinger" — the father of Moshe. The truth is that this woman was married to the brother of Rabbi Levinger's grandmother and thus there was no blood relationship between her and the family. Barnea's need to invoke such a distant and doubtful relationship proves the weakness of his claim.

"He spent a good deal of time in a Swiss sanatorium... his brother... says there is some truth to this

account, but declines to go into details." The implication is obvious. However, the truth is that Moshe was ill during the whole of 1951 with Malta fever, a serious disease characterized by attacks of high fever and great weakness. When he recuperated, our parents took him for a summer vacation to a convalescent home in Switzerland. As his young sister, I remember that period as a very difficult one for my mother. Moshe used to encourage her, assuring her that everything would turn out all right and that he would get well. It was also a period when, "privileged to learn a lot from him, to hear his stories and enjoy his company. There is no doubt that his strong and healthy spirit helped him to overcome his illness."

In closing, I wish to point out that we are eight brothers and sisters in our family: all of us are married, settled and served in the IDF. My mother has about 50 grandchildren and 50 great-grandchildren: all earn an honourable living; none ever spent time in a mental institution, and none went on welfare. If only there were more families like that in Israel!

BATYA BEN-SHAI
nee Levinger
Jerusalem

BIBLE QUOTE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — I was struck by the following phrase in Louis Rapoport's article, "The Temple Mount Connection" in *The Post Magazine* on June 16: "Quotations from the New Testament such as 'Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing me!'" In my copy of the Bible, this verse appears in Malachi, which is certainly not part of the New Testament. Perhaps Malachi is one of those Evangelist groups' great successes?

Jerusalem. JOSEPH SAMUEL

TV CAPTIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — You have recently published letters demanding English subtitles to Mahat and programmes like "Pillar of Fire" and Hebrew subtitles to Mahat (for deaf-mutes). I have a suggestion which would not involve additional expenses. Leave all names of speakers (for all news, interviews and discussion programmes) on the screen several seconds longer. This would be welcomed by tens of thousands who understand Hebrew fairly well, but read it slowly.

Ramat Gan. CHAVA COHEN

POSTSCRIPTS

PS. U.S. SPACE scientists believe they have confirmed that land on earth is constantly on the move, with the giant continents sailing slowly around the globe, according to a leading researcher.

Europe and North America appear to be drifting farther apart, Hawaii and South America are getting closer together and western California could end up as a Pacific island, says David Smith of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

He says the movement had been going on for hundreds of millions of years and is imperceptible to all but the most advanced techniques.

Continental drift has been a subject of scientific speculation for decades, but NASA has used satellite technology to produce measurements for the first time.

The measurements appear to clinch the theory of plate tectonics — that the continents are great 32-km thick rafts floating on the molten rock of the earth's mantle.

The theory holds that the continents as now known made up one huge land mass about 300 million years ago, then began to drift apart 180 million years ago.

But according to NASA they have not "ended up" in their present place. As the people of the world go about their daily business, the earth under their feet is moving on too.

According to NASA measurements the Atlantic is widening by about 1.5 cm a year, Hawaii and South America are drifting apart by slightly more than a centimetre a year, and northern and southern California, on different continental plates, are pushing past each other.

PS. SHARAV CONDITIONS. — A galaxy only faintly visible from earth by telescope has been found to emit as much energy as two trillion suns, but the source of the energy remains a mystery, astronomers announced recently.

The galaxy, known as Arp 220, is 300 million light years from earth, and was discovered in 1966.

Data from an orbiting infrared telescope launched in 1983 has revealed that the galaxy is a rare formation, because 99 per cent of its energy is emitted in the form of heat, rather than visible light, says Dr. B. Thomas Soifer of the California Institute of Technology.

Most of Arp 220's energy is in the infrared part of the spectrum, and the amount of energy it emits makes it one of the most luminous infrared galaxies ever discovered. Soifer told the annual convention of the American Astronomical Society.

PS. A WALLABY which was led hopping around English bars drinking Australian beer has caused a row in animal-loving Britain.

The wallaby was used in pubs across northern England to promote sales of the beer.

"It is just exploiting and upsetting the animal for cheap publicity," said the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

"Wallabies don't drink a lot, so the beer might not cause it any problems. But transporting it about all the time will cause a great deal of stress," the society said.

The Joshua Tetley Brewery, which arranged the bar hop, said the wallaby had expert handlers and drank the beer voluntarily.

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